



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 8 November, 2006

1. The House met at 2.10 p.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 7 November, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **A Bill for an Act to Establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which will Provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-Partisan Analysis needed for Economic and Budget Decisions and with the Information and Estimates required for use in the Budget Process and Other Related Matters, 2006 (HB. 254) — Third Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which will Provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-Partisan Analysis needed for Economic and Budget decisions and with the Information and Estimates required for use in the Budget Process and other Related Matters, 2006 be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Question that the Bill be now read the Third Time, put and agreed to. Bill

read the Third time and Passed.
4. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Amendment of the Insurance Act, 2003; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 237) — Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Amendment of the Insurance Act, 2003; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development and Finance.
5. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Amendment of the Trustee Investments Act; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 242) — Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Amendment of the Trustee Investments Act; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development and Finance.

6. Consideration of Reports:

- (i) *Committee on Emergency and Disaster Management;*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Emergency and Disaster Management on the Ravaging Gully and Soil Erosion Disaster in Ekwulobia Town, Aguata Local Government Area, Anambra State and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. ChidiDuru).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

{Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair}

REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
 ON THE RAVAGING GULLY AND SOIL EROSION DISASTER IN EKWULOBBIA TOWN,
 AGUATA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, ANAMBRA STATE

Debate:

Recommendation (i):

the Committee recommends the immediate release of the sum of N1 Billion by the Federal Government to the Ecological Fund Office to undertake Civil and Structural Works to recover the Ekwulobia Erosion site, prevent the continuing loss of the Ekwulobia Federal Highway and stop the constantly deteriorating and expanding problem area. The Anambra - Imo River Basin Authority had, at the instance of Ecological Funds Office surveyed the site and prepared a priced Bill of Quantities in the sum of N638 Million in November 2005. Since then, further damage has been done to the erosion site and more buildings and community and private lands lost (*Hon. ChidiDuru*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Recommendation and *insert* the following instead thereof; The House calls on the Federal Government to release the required fund for urgent intervention at the Ekwulobia Erosion site to take care of the problem while a permanent solution is worked out with the Ecological Funds Office (*Hon. Ike Chinwo*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

The House should mandate the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to attend to the immediate needs of the people in the Ekwulobia devastated area and the IDP (Internally Displaced Persons — mostly women and children) by sending monitored relief materials like food, portable water, medical facility and building materials (*See attached VCD dips of the various intervention sites*) (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

That the Ecological Fund Office and the Federal Ministry of Water Resources should be mandated to come to the immediate aid of Onitsha Water Supply Scheme (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words in the Recommendation (*Hon. Abdullahi Idris*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, considered the Report of the House Committee on Emergency and Disaster Management on the Ravaging Gully and Soil Erosion Disaster in Ekwulobia Town, Aguata Local Government Area, Anambra State and approved Recommendation (/) as amended, approved Recommendation (ii) and deleted Recommendation (Hi).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole, put and agreed to.

(ii) *Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Establish a Customary Court for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and to Prescribe the Mode of its Operation; and Supervision, 2004 (HB. 172) and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Frank Jneke).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CUSTOMARY COURT FOR THE
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA AND TO PRESCRIBE THE

MODE OF ITS OPERATION; AND SUPERVISION

Debate:

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, deferred consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Establish a Customary Court for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and to Prescribe the Mode of its Operation; and Supervision till the next Legislative Day to enable the Committee on Rules and Business circulate copies of the Report to Members.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

7. *Adjournment:*

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 9 November, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Adjourned accordingly at 3.30 p.m.

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Deputy Speaker